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AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Petition for Extension of Time

Applicant petitions to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated October 31, 2002 for two months from January 31, 2003 to March 31, 2003. A check in the amount of \$410.00 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

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Amendment

In response to the Office Action dated October 31, 2002, please amend the application as indicated below. The present Amendment has been prepared in accordance with the Revised Format established by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, as permitted in the February 25, 2003 OG Notice entitled "Amendments in a Revised Format Now Permitted." (1267 OG 106).